

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. a handle for engaging a bracket supported by a cooking vessel comprising:

a handle body having a front wall having top side having pair of upwardly open slots and a bottom side, a rear
5 wall having a bottom side connected to said bottom side of said front wall at an acute angle and a top side, and a horizontal member having a first end attached to said top side of said rear wall and a second end; and

a press-down plate supported by said horizontal member and extending over said top side of said front wall.

2. The handle as recited in claim 1 wherein said press-down plate is magnetically attracted to said horizontal member.

3. The handle as recited in claim 1 and further comprising a rounded clip attached to said second end of said horizontal member and engaging said press-down plate to facilitate holding said press-down plate onto said horizontal member.

4. The handle as recited in claim 3 wherein said front wall is curved.

5. The handle as recited in claim 1 wherein said horizontal member includes a pair of spaced apart side edges for guiding said press-down plate onto said horizontal member.

6. The handle as recited in claim 3 wherein said press-down plate has a curved portion adjacent said front wall.

7. The handle as recited in claim 1 and further comprising a slide on holder sleeve having an opening for accepting said second end of said horizontal member and a portion of said press-down plate, in a close relationship within said slide on holder sleeve.

8. A tong handle for engaging an engagement structure carried by a cooking vessel comprising:

a first tong shaped load member having a first end, a second end, and a first engagement plate at an angle with respect to said first end;

a second tong shaped load member having a first end, a second end, and a second engagement plate at an angle with respect to said first end;

means for controlling the position and force by which said first engagement plate is located with respect to said

second engagement plate to secure said first and said second engagement plates to said engagement structure.

9. The tong handle as recited in claim 8 wherein said first and second engagement plates each carry one slot for engaging an associated rivet shaft and head as said engagement structures carried by said cooking vessel.

10. The tong handle as recited in claim 8 wherein said first and second engagement plates each carry a pair of slots for engaging an associated bracket as said engagement structures carried by said cooking vessel.

11. The tong handle as recited in claim 8 and further comprising a bracket having a pair of oppositely located footing members and curvature between said footing member forming three sides of a through hole upon mounting of said footing members to a cooking vessel.

12. The tong handle as recited in claim 8 wherein said means for controlling the position and force by which said first engagement plate is located with respect to said second engagement plate is a handle grip guide having a
5 guide slot for interfitting with said first and second tong shaped load members; and

an overfitting cover member for enveloping and securing said guide slot with respect to said first and second tong shaped load members.

13. The tong handle as recited in claim 8 wherein said means for controlling the position and force by which said first engagement plate is located with respect to said second engagement plate is an engagement sleeve slot for receiving said first and second tong shaped load members;
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a slidable cover member for locking said first and second tong shaped load members within said engagement sleeve and wherein said engagement sleeve and said slidable cover member form a handle grip.

14. The tong handle as recited in claim 13 wherein said means for controlling the position and force by which said first engagement plate is located with respect to said second engagement plate is at least one of a tie brace and a linking brace.

15. A handle for engaging an engagement structure carried by a cooking vessel structure comprising:

a first load member having a first slot opening toward a first direction;

5 a second load member overlying and affixed with respect to said first load member and having a second slot opening toward a second direction generally opposing said first direction; said first and second slots surrounding and engagement structure for facilitating manipulation of said cooking vessel structure.